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- 1 17. Bicmedical polyurethane based on diisocyanate
- linked polyester polymer and diol components, said diol
- component having a uniform block-length.
- 1 18. Biomedical polyurethane according to claim 17,
- 2 having the following formula:

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+A-B-C-B+

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- wherein the B denotes diisopyanate moieties, A denotes
- 7 a polyester moiety, C denotes a diol moiety and n is the
- 8 number of recurring units.
- 1 19. Biomedical polyurethane according to claim 17
- 2 consisting of repeating units of the following formula

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 $\{C(O) - NH - R_1 - NH - C(O) - O - D - O - C(O) - NH - R_1 - NH - C(O) - O - E - O\}_n$ 

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- wherein  $R_1$  is an n-butylene moiety, D is a polyester
- To moiety, E is an n-butylene diol, an n-hexylene diol or a
- diethylene glycol based moiety and n indicates the number
- 9 of repeating units.
- 1 20. Polyuretnane according to claim 17, wherein E is
- diol or an XYX reaction product of diol (X) and
- 3 1,4-butane-diisocyanate (Y).

- 1 ... Polyurethane according to claim 17, wherein the
- 2 blocklength is the same for at least 90%, more in
- F particular at least 38% of the dipl units.
- 1 22. Polyurethane according to claim 17, wherein the
- 5 polyester is based on a polyester prepared by ringopening
- 3 polymeridation, preferably a random copolyester.
- 1 13. Polyurethane according to plaim 02, wherein the
- 2 random copolyester is a copolyester of lactide,
- $\beta$  alycolide, trimethylene carbonate and/or  $\epsilon$ -caprolacton.
- 1 14. Polyurethane according to claim 17, wherein the
- 2 polyester is based on lactic acid, succinic acid,
- 3 diethylene glycol, 1,4-butanediol, 1,6-hexanediol and/or
- 4 dlethylene glycol.
- 1 25. Polyurethane according to claim 17, obtainable by
- 1 a process comprising reacting the polyester and an
- 3 isocyanate endcapped diol component, the ratio of
- polyester endgroups to isocyanate groups being at least
- two, followed by reacting the resulting prepolymer with
- o water.
- 1 26. Polyurethane according to claim 25, based on a
- $_{\perp}$  copolyester of lactide and  $\epsilon$ -caprolacton containing 5 to
- 95, preferably 40-60 % of units of lactide and 5 to 95,
- 4 preferably 40-60 % of units of  $\epsilon$ -caprolacton, based on
- 5 number.

- 1 27. 1,4-Butanediol, 1,6-hexane dicl, or diethyleneglycol
- based diel component having a uniform blocklength, said
- 3 component being an XYX reaction product of diel (X) and
- 4 1,4-butane-diiscoyanate (Y).
- 1 28. Process for the preparation of a bicmedical
- 2 polyurethane according to claim 17, wherein the
- 3 diel component is reacted with the reaction product of at
- 4 least two moles of diisocyanate and the polyester.
- 1 19. Process for the preparation of a bicmedical
- 2 polyurethane according to claim 28, wherein the
- B diol component is reacted with the reaction product of at
- 4 least two moles of diisocyanate and the polyester.
- 1 30. Process for the preparation of a biomedical
- 2 polyurethane according to claim 17, wherein the
- 3 random copolymer is reacted with the reaction product of
- 4 at least two moles of diisocyanate and the diol
- 5 component.
- 1 31. Implants based on the biomedical polyurethanes
- 2 according to claim 17, having a porosity of 50 to
- 3 99 vol. %.
- 1 32. Use of a polyurethane according to claim 17, as
- Diodegradable polymer implant in meniscus
- 3 reconstruction.

1 33. Biomedical polyurethane having a phase separated morphology, comprising soft segments of polyester and or 2 polyether components and hard segments, said hard segments 3 consisting of diol component having a uniform block length, ٠,٠ and wherein the diol component on the one hand and the 5 polyester and/or polyether components on the other hand, 6 have been linked by diisocyanate, preferably an aliphatic 7 diisocyanate. 5